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Chief, Tokyo Bureau
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San Francisco, California

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Dear [redacted]

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As usual the delays which we continue to experience in procuring personnel prohibits staffing our various offices in accordance with our Table of Organization. As we look back over '48 we have definitely made some progress in this respect but we still will not be able to fill our Table of Organization for some considerable time.

With things going as they are, it is almost impossible for me to predict just when the Tokyo staff will be skeletonized. When we discussed this matter before I recall that we were in general agreement that you should stay in Tokyo until this action was taken, at which time you should return to Washington and subsequently be transferred to London. Due to the uncertain time element involved, I have concluded that we should make some definite plans for you now, disregarding the date on which the Tokyo staff will be skeletonized. I have reached this conclusion not only because of this uncertainty, but because of our overall staffing plans and the necessity to strengthen our London and Cyprus staffs in the near future.

I would like your earliest reaction to the following general and tentative plan:

a. I will send one additional editor to Tokyo at the earliest possible date.

b. [redacted] would replace you as Chief of the Tokyo Bureau. I would particularly like your comments with reference to the desirability of giving [redacted] this job.

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c. Shortly after the arrival in Tokyo of the new editor, you would return to Washington where I would expect you to spend about six months before going to London for assignment.

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I regret very much that our grades and ratings have not changed since I saw you a year ago and, as I told you then, it would be necessary for you to return to the States and be assigned to London in Grade CAF-11.

I would appreciate your reaction to this plan by wire in order that I may proceed without undue delay.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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